

February 18, 2023

Honorable Members of the Judiciary Committee,

Please **OPPOSE** Raised Bill 5653 – AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN EXCISE TAX ON AMMUNITION TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR COMMUNITY GUN VIOLENCE AND INTERVENTION PROGRAM GRANTS

Guns and ammo are ALREADY subject to an additional 11% tax on top of the CT sales tax. It will make it hard for people in our economy to own and train properly. This is very disappointing that the state would add a sin tax to ammunition. Again, the responsible gun owners have to pay for the action of criminals and their misuse of firearms. Connecticut already has some of the most strict gun laws.

Therefore, I am strongly **OPPOSED** to Raised Bill 5653 Raised Bill 5653 – AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN EXCISE TAX ON AMMUNITION TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR COMMUNITY GUN VIOLENCE AND INTERVENTION PROGRAM GRANTS

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